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RE: MUR 5294
John and Ruth Stauffer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On June 26, 2001, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on behalf of your clients, John and Ruth Stauffer, and closed the file as it pertained to them. On August 27, 2002, the Commission severed the portion of MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736 concerning Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer and placed it into a new matter, designated MUR 5294. On the same date, the Commission closed MUR 5294. Accordingly, the confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public.

Because of restrictions recently placed on the Commission with respect to its making public investigative files in closed enforcement matters, the public record in this matter will consist of the relevant sections of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports, the Certifications of the Commission's votes, Statements of Reasons and Conciliation Agreements. See American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations v. FEC, 177 F. Supp.2d 48 (D.D.C. 2001), appeal docketed, No. 02-5069 (D.C. Cir. Feb. 28, 2002). Copies of the General Counsel's Reports, the Certifications of the Commission's votes and a Statement of Reasons as described above are enclosed. Your clients are already in receipt of a copy of their Conciliation Agreement, so a copy of that document is not enclosed.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Marianne Abely / by SHL

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Enclosures:
As stated.

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